Bhavani House,

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My dear Banerji, 27 9 20.

Many thanks for your letter. I was very glad to hear that you had such a satisfactory visit to Simla. I wish I could have stayed a few days longer so that we could have had joint discussions but it was not possible for me to prolong my visit.

Your representation regarding the A. T. revenue will, I am sure, receive full consideration from the G. of I but I am inclined to think that you can hardly expect them stultify themselves to the extent of cancelling the programme of betterment devised for the C & M Station. There is a public opinion there and outside which cannot be entirely ignored. Your theory that there has been a violation of pledges will hardly commend itself to the G. of I in view of the clear pronouncements made from time to time on the subject of the A. T. revenues, especially the G. of I are to be the sole judge of the requirements of the Station.

I am very glad to hear that your technical officers consider the latest offers of Mr. Howley satisfactory regarding the Kannambadi canal Scheme. I had a long talk with Messrs. Howley and Davidson on the subject and the impression I gained was that both were anxious to get the straight thing/through. Mr. Davidson seemed to think they would get over if they went to arbitration again. Lord Willingdon, too is prepared to help on a reasonable settlement. The Madras Govt. has, it must be remembered to satisfy the Tanjore Mirasidars whose tactics seem to be not only to upset the award, but even the 1892 agreement.

It is delightful here, though I wish we could get a better sunshine.

I hope we may have an opportunity of discussing pendiong topics during the Dassarah.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. W. P. Barton

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